

Board of Commissioners

April 2, 2007 – 8:45 am

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger, Logsdon, and Board Attorney Lueken were present.

Minutes

March 5, 2007 and March 20, 2007. Logsdon made a motion to approve. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

INDOT Detour

Logsdon asked John Myers of INDOT how the county should protect itself when county roads are used by people as a detour for SR 68. Myers stated he brought the forms to sign to declare an unofficial detour. Logsdon stated the commissioners instructed the county engineer and highway superintendent to work with INDOT on declaring 2000N the unofficial detour. Logsdon stated that in the past a county road was named as an unofficial detour and when it came time to fix the road, the money offered by INDOT was inadequate. Myers stated the overall condition of the road needs to be documented before the detour and weight limits signs need to be posted. Lueken asked if construction traffic will be using county roads. Rininger stated INDOT needs to instruct contractors to stay off county roads. David Lauer, engineer, suggested that a video tape with an engineers report be made of the road and a traffic count be done so that it can then be shown to INDOT. Logsdon stated the commissioners have also asked the sheriff's department to patrol 2000N and ticket any violators.

LHPL Board Member Appointment

Lincoln Heritage Public Library requested that Fred Walz be reappointed to the board. Logsdon made a motion to appoint Fred Walz. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Claims

Logsdon made a motion to approve claims. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Riverboat

Auditor Shelton stated that what is currently owed in legal fees for the SOB litigation is \$11,455.66. Lueken stated that with what lies ahead \$18,000 should cover what is owed and the coming bills. Logsdon made a motion to request \$18,000. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Emergency Notification System

Perdue stated that due to the past money and effort spent on promoting the sale of the weather radios, he recommended that the radio notification be dropped and the equipment be sent back. He has found that the weather radios can now be used to notify residents of a hazardous spill free of charge. Logsdon made a motion to continue the use of the weather radios and to send back the demo devices. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Snowmobile

Perdue stated that Morris Grimes looked at the snow mobile that was being donated to the county and said that for the cost of repairs needed, a used snow mobile could be purchased. Perdue stated it was not worth the effort right now.

Hazmat Spill

Perdue stated there was a trash truck on Hwy 231 which was leaking fuel and there was a wreck. The county is not listed in the lawsuit but Perdue has been contacted by an attorney involved and Perdue wanted to talk to Lueken before he talked to that attorney.

Department of Homeland Security

Rininger stated that the Department of Homeland Security wants parcel and address information from the county’s GIS system. Lueken stated that no fees are involved with a governmental entity. Perdue stated they will pay the county to put the information on the internet.

Water Rescue Boat

Logsdon asked Perdue to think about if the boats could be stored in the area beside the old jail under a steel canopy with sides that are anchored in the ground, because the county may be running out of room to store the boats.

Mowing Bid Opening

Lueken opened the four bids for the mowing of the courthouse and the Law Enforcement Center.

4K Lawn Care & Landscaping of Boonville	CH	\$70/wk
	Alt#1	\$18/month
	LEC	\$62/wk
	Alt#2	\$18/month
Robinson Landscape	CH	\$65/wk
	Alt#1	\$18/month
	LEC	\$65/wk
	Alt#2	\$18/month
Southern IN Tree Service	CH	\$60/wk
	Alt#1	\$240/month
	LEC	\$60/wk
	Alt#2	\$240/month
Affordable Mowing Service	CH	\$67.95/wk
	Alt#1	\$19/month
	LEC	\$59.95
	Alt#2	\$15/month

Lueken stated he used eight months or 35 weeks of mowing and four months or 17 weeks of off season work in order to have a basis of comparison between the bids. The totals are as follows:

4K Lawn Care & Landscaping	\$4,700
Robinson Landscape	\$4,694
Southern IN Tree Service	\$6,120
Affordable Mowing Service	\$4,612.50

Logsdon thanked all of the companies for bidding and made motion to award the bid to Affordable Mowing Service. Rininger also thanked everyone and seconded the motion. All in favor.

Cost Allocation

Rininger explained that the commissioners have discussed using Maximus or Malinowski Consulting to do the cost allocation reports for the county. Maximus is the company the county has used in the past and they have changed their contract in order to be competitive with Malinowski. Logsdon made a motion to sign a contract with Maximus. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

INDOT

Rininger told Holstein that the commissioners already discussed with Myer the unofficial detour and he has the forms that need to be signed. Logsdon made a motion to make 2000N the unofficial detour for the closing of Highway 68. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Logsdon stated that INDOT had a crew looking at old State Road 231 from Highway 70 south with the possibility of the county being asked to take control of that road when the project is complete to Highway 70. Holstein stated that the original agreement was that the county would not take over road until the entire project was complete to I64 which was projected to be completed in 2008. Myers stated he had not heard any discussion about it. Painter stated he told the crew they would have to come before the commissioners at a public meeting.

Logsdon asked Myers to look into a couple areas of concern. During a drainage study it was brought to the attention of the commissioners that when SR 231 is completed a tremendous amount of water will be released into

the Pigeon Creek drainage system. There is a concern that our drainage system will not be able to handle the amount of water. Also, there is a major concern with flooding around Thermwood and Spencer Plastics on 350 E; if the new 231 adds volume to the water flowing to the east then south it will drown these two companies. Logsdon asked if it was a possibility of creating a dry dam. Myers will contact the project engineers and look into it.

Logsdon stated that there is another serious problem that needs looking into, but he is not sure if it is INDOT's problem or the county's. Where 500N is going to merge with SR 231, large box culverts are in place but the drains south are flat, and the culverts coming under new SR 231 now are ¾ full of silt. So there is no way to get the water down to Honey Creek. Myers will look into the problem.

Rotunda Walkway

Maintenance Supervisor King discussed the plans for the walkway for the rotunda. He felt the design was more than what is necessary for use one time a year to change light bulbs. Rininger stated that the county needs to meet code and protect the county from liability issues. Logsdon stated that this needs to be discussed with Lisa Gehlhausen of Indiana 15, since this is a historical building. Rininger asked King to get proposals from contractors.

Johnson Control Contracts

Rininger stated there seems to be some control issues with maintenance at the jail. Rininger stated that he does not think the commissioners are ready to sign a contract with Johnson Control; there are still some things to hammer out. Randy Hildenbrand of Johnson Control suggested that the commissioners go over and get on the roof and check out the work that was done. Logsdon asked Hildenbrand about the quote of \$5,400; that would pay for the quarterly maintenance and then anything else would be at an hourly rate. Hildenbrand stated that was correct. Logsdon stated that on the email Hildenbrand sent he said that a jailer on staff could take care of many repairs. Sheriff Lindsey stated it was Fella Jones. Logsdon asked if he was competent to do the job. Hildenbrand stated he has worked with him and feels he could handle it. Logsdon asked Lindsey and King who will make the decision to have Jones do the work. Logsdon stated that if King, Jail Commander Green, and Sheriff Lindsey can get together and decide when Jones can do the work, it would help the county. Logsdon discussed the work of the contractor that put in the roof top units and pictures that were taken and he has asked that corrections be made by that contractor. Logsdon and Hildenbrand discussed the cleaning of the return air filters. Hildenbrand stated he quoted cleaning them once a year but by that time they are completely clogged and require a lot of work. Logsdon stated that if the county wants the roof top units to last the filters need to be clean. Hildenbrand stated it probably should be done twice a year. Councilman Gogel stated that these are all professionals and they all need to work together. Logsdon stated that Jail Commander Green told him there are areas of unequal heating and cooling. Hildenbrand said that is a problem with the equipment that needs to be looked at. Logsdon stated it should be under warranty. Logsdon asked that the contract be tabled and stated that at the next meeting a decision needs to be made.

Engineer Report

Holstein stated a common wage meeting needs to be set up for the end of April so the county can get started on CEDIT roads in May. The first bid opening will be in the middle of May. Holstein requested that the commissioners come by her office and discuss the CEDIT plans for their districts. Logsdon stated that old State Road was chip and sealed two years ago, and would like to know if it is a possibility to make it a CEDIT road. Logsdon stated that he found out at road school that some commissioners at other counties were chip and sealing some of their bituminous roads to extend the life of the roads. Holstein stated that is one of the things she is looking at and will discuss with each commissioner when they meet with her.

Bid opening for Bridge #292 –

Youngblood, Inc.	\$59,075.
CLR	\$76,265.

Holstein stated that all work listed to be done is comparable. Logsdon made a motion to award the bid to Youngblood, Inc. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Bid opening for Orchard Rd Project for Surveying and Right-of-way services –

Bernard Lochmuller Associates	\$26,700. & 17,000. for a total of \$43,700.
URS of Indianapolis	\$19,075.

Holstein stated that all work listed to be done is comparable. Logsdon made a motion to award the bid to URS of Indianapolis. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Meeting Date Change

Auditor Shelton suggested a meeting date change because the way the calendar falls in May there will only be one week between Commissioner meetings. Logsdon made a motion to move the second meeting in May from the 15th in the afternoon to May 22nd at 8:45 am. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Painter stated that he talked to the land owner in Rose Hill Subdivision that was discussed during the last meeting who had put up a fence in the county right-of-way. The land owner did not realize he was in the right-of-way and will move it if necessary. Logsdon asked Painter to politely ask him to move it.

Vectren Pole Replacement Project – Painter received an agreement from Vectren to pay for the repair of roads damaged by the pole replacement project. Lueken revised the letter to include language from the road bonds the county uses. The letter is being sent to Vectren to sign.

Highway Equipment – Lueken presented the legal notice for the bid opening for the equipment to be purchased by the highway department. Lueken also presented a notice for sale of equipment. Options were discussed on how to dispose of the old equipment, to trade-in or sell the equipment to the public. Lueken will look into further.

Spencer County Public Library Egg Hunt

The Spencer County Public Library in Rockport asked permission to use courthouse lawn for an egg hunt on April 3rd. Logsdon made a motion to approve the request. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Regional Workforce Development

Logsdon reported that five and a half million dollars were awarded for the work force innovations for the regional economic development in a nine county area to enhance the work force, mainly with skilled industrial technicians and skilled critical care nurses.

Legal Report

Lueken stated there may be a need for an executive session after the next meeting to discuss pending litigation.

Commissioner Leiberling

Rininger asked for continued prayer for Commissioner Chris Leiberling.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Rininger seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Board of Commissioners,

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President	
Attest:	
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Cindy Shelton, Auditor	
